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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LOA FOR HOWITZERS

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1. REFTTEL A AUTHORIZED THE PROVISION OF P AND A DATA FOR 105 MM AND 155 MM HOWITZERS ON THE CONDITION THAT THE GOP AGREE TO REMOVE AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF OLDER U.S. PIECES FROM ITS INVENTORY. DEPT AND DOD ARE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE AN LOA AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL B, BUT FIRST WE NEED TO DISCUSS WITH THE GOP PROCEDURES FOR EFFECTING THE SALE ON A REPLACEMENT BASIS.

2. WE ASSUME THAT THE HOWITZERS TO BE REMOVED FROM GOP INVENTORY WILL BE MAP GRANT-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT. THE SIMPLEST
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WAY FOR GOP TO MEET OUR NEEDS WOULD BE FOR IT TO DECLARE

THIS EQUIPMENT EXCESS TO ITS NEEDS AND THUS PERMIT EQUIPMENT TO REVERT TO USG OWNERSHIP. U.S. ARMY WOULD THEN OFFER EQUIPMENT FOR REDISTRIBUTION OR SALE THROUGH MIMEX SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER F, PARA 5 OF THE MASM DOD 5105.38M. ALTERNATE PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR GOP TO

PURCHASE REVERSIONARY RIGHTS TO HOWITZERS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD REQUIRE A WRITTEN AGREEMENT THAT GUNS WOULD BE DEMILITARIZED TO PREVENT THEIR USE AS COMPLETE FIELD PIECES AND THAT THIS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO USG INSPECTION. (WE WOULD, IN FACT, INSIST THAT ODRP PHYSICALLY INSPECT TO INSURE COMPLIANCE AND AN ADEQUATE RECORD OF DISPOSITION.) GOP WOULD THEN BE FREE TO CANNIBALIZE EQUIPMENT FOR SPARE PARTS OR SCRAP THE EQUIPMENT AS IT WISHED.

3. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS. IF EITHER OR BOTH PROCEDURES ABOVE ARE SATISFACTORY TO GOP, YOU SHOULD SECURE AGREEMENT IN WRITING AND INFORM US, CABLING TEXT, OR PROPOSE AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE FOR OUR CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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